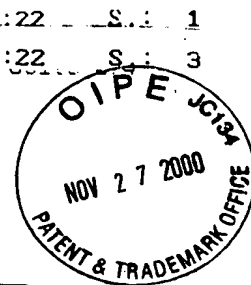


DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No: S159 1020

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
I believe:☒ I am the original, first and sole inventor☐ I am an original, first and joint inventorof the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled A DEVICE FOR BINDING MOLECULES, MOLECULAR GROUPS, MOLECULAR PARTS AND/OR CELLS, the specification of which:☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on July 11, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/613,964.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any United States provisional patent application, foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any United States provisional patent application, foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the above-identified application on which priority is claimed: German Application No. 199 32 958.3, Filed July 14, 1999I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States patent application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: N/AI hereby appoint the following attorneys/agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: LOUIS T. ISAF Reg. No. 29,078; JAMES F. VAUGHAN Reg. No. 31,889; STEVEN D. KERR Reg. No. 32,472; D. SCOTT SUDDERTH Reg. No. 34,026; MICHAEL A. CICERO Reg. No. 34,562; JOHN J. TIMAR Reg. No. 32,497; DAVID HAYZER Reg. No. 43,329; JEFFERY B. ARNOLD Reg. No. 39,540; JUDY C. JARECKI-BLACK Reg. No. 44,170; STEVEN L. SCHMID Reg. No. 39,358; LISA J. MOYLES Reg. No. 40,737..Please address all telephone calls, in the first instance, to Louis T. Isaf at telephone number: (404) 962-7523.

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Attorney's Docket No: S159 1020Applicant: DR. WALTER SCHUBERTEntitled: A DEVICE FOR BINDING MOLECULES, MOLECULAR GROUPS, MOLECULAR PARTS AND/OR CELLS**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION)****CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS****{37 CFR 1.9(F) AND 1.27 (B)} - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled A DEVICE FOR BINDING MOLECULES, MOLECULAR GROUPS, MOLECULAR PARTS AND/OR CELLS described in the specification filed on July 11, 2000, under Application Serial No. 09/613,964.

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